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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Sep-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	157,048 (2)	143,131
Light hens	1,206	1,583
Heavy hens	1,760	1,778

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-12
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	110	0	110
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	245	0	245
Same week yr ago	270	13	283
To-date/2012*	9,525	36	9,561
To-date/2011*	13,140	361	13,501

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. and CANADA

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,606	1,754	3,360
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,965	1,770	3,735
Same week yr ago	1,563	1,592	3,155
To-date/2012*	65,076	58,049	123,125
To-date/2011*	62,238	55,797	118,035

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	139,196	1,496	1,754	3,250	390
Avg Wt	5.74	3.06	8.04	5.75	6.69
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	156,776	1,720	1,770	3,490	406
Same wk yr ago	141,495	1,293	1,579	2,872	397
Avg Wt	5.73	3.17	7.88	5.76	6.71
To-date/2012*	5,483,642	55,551	58,013	113,564	14,934
To-date/2011*	5,721,012	49,098	55,436	104,534	15,566

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 140.9 million head, or 12.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-2012

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	32,728	61,903	25,605	18,960	139,196
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.49	6.86	8.31	5.74
% of total /1	24%	44%	18%	14%	100%

Comparisons

Last week	40,931	64,619	26,600	24,626	156,776
Avg Live Wgt	3.97	5.44	6.81	8.24	5.73
% of total /1	26%	41%	17%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	31,802 3.85	60,909 5.43	29,700 6.67	19,084 8.36	141,495 5.73
% of total /1	22%	43%	21%	14%	100%

To date/2012*	1,342,171	2,317,575	999,002	824,894	5,483,642
To date/2011*	1,316,932	2,500,519	1,063,586	839,975	5,721,012

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 08-Sep-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,493	2,430	16	5	3,944
Avg Wt	16.75	37.79	25.43	35.06	29.77
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,708	2,602	55	16	4,381
Same wk yr ago	1,725	2,161	25	2	3,913
Avg Wt	16.90	37.99	25.48	53.42	28.62
To-date/2012*	64,675	91,990	854	273	157,792
To-date/2011*	64,828	92,361	757	255	158,201

*Note: Year-to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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